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The Senate met at 10 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

As we watch the movements of Sojourner from Pathfinder on Mars, we exclaim with the Psalmist, "When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him and the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands".—Psalm 8:3-6.

O Yahweh, our Adonai, how excellent is Your name in all the Earth and the farthest reaches of the Earth's universe. You are Sovereign of universes within universes. We praise You that You have enabled us to reach out into space to behold Your majesty and come to grips with the magnitude of the realm of dominion You have entrusted to us. Our eyes have been glued to our television sets to witness the awesome achievement of landing Pathfinder on Mars and we have seen the venture of rover Sojourner on Martian rock after a 309-million-mile, 7-month journey from Earth. Guide our space scientists as they gather information about Mars and we are reminded of the reaches of Your Lordship.

And meanwhile, back to the planet Earth, back to the problems and potentials we face, and back to the U.S. Senate where You empower the leaders of humankind to grapple with the challenges, and grasp the opportunities in our time and in our space. As we work today, remind us that You created Mars and the Earth and will direct us to solutions to the complex problems we face. We bless and praise You for the privilege, Creator, Redeemer, and Lord of Lords. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. President. Today following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 936, the defense authorization bill. As previously ordered, from 12:30 until 2:15 p.m., the Senate will stand in recess for the weekly policy luncheons. At 2:15, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the defense authorization bill. The majority leader is hopeful that cloture can be invoked so that the Senate can complete action on the defense bill this week.

As a reminder, Senators have until 12:30 today to file second-degree amendments on the defense bill. On behalf of the majority leader, I remind all Senators that we are now in a busy legislative period prior to the August recess. The appropriations process has begun and Senators should now expect rollcall votes occurring Monday through Friday of each week. I thank my colleagues for their attention.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. INHOFE). Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

Mr. FEINGOLD addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wisconsin is recognized.

Mr. FEINGOLD. I ask unanimous consent to speak as in morning business for 15 minutes.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, what is the time allocation?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The time allocation is for not to exceed 5 minutes each. The Senator from Wisconsin does have, under the previous order, 15 minutes.

The Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] is recognized.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Thank you, Mr. President.

### THE NEED FOR CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Mr. FEINGOLD. It was just about 1 year ago, Mr. President, last June, when I stood here on the Senate floor with the senior Senator from Arizona, Senator MCCAIN, and others, and participated in a somewhat abbreviated debate on the need for meaningful, bipartisan campaign reform.

We discussed several issues during that debate, Mr. President. We talked about the 1994 elections and the resulting record amount of campaign spending in that election.

We had a chance to talk briefly about how one candidate for the U.S. Senate had spent \$30 million of his own money to try and win a California Senate seat.

We talked about how the average amount of money spent by a winning 1994 Senate candidate had, unfortunately, reached over \$4.6 million. We talked about the damaging effect that the unabated flow of campaign cash had on our political system as well as on the public perceptions of this institution.

In response to all of that, interestingly, we were told by opponents of reform that all was well, that spiraling campaign spending would somehow strengthen our democracy, and that our system was far from crying out for reform.

And then, on a quiet Tuesday afternoon, after a few paltry hours of debate

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